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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½d.

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HONG KONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1931.

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BRITAIN TO RETAIN SCHNEIDER CUP?

Strenuous Training for the Race.

SPEEDS KEPT SECRET.

Rugby, Yesterday. Britain's Schneider Trophy Team of seven pilots, now assembled at Felixstowe under the command of Squadron Leader Orlebar, have gone into strict training for the contest, which will take place over the Solent in September. The teams representing France and Italy will challenge Britain on this occasion and are making secret preparations for the race. If Britain wins she will retain the Trophy, having won it in 1927 and defended it successfully in the 1929 contest.

The team chosen for the race has had wide experience in high speed aircraft flying. Squadron Leader Orlebar holds the world's speed record of about 350 miles per hour and, although no members of the team actually participated in the 1929 race, four were trained in readiness for that contest and all are trained high speed pilots.

The members of the team are about 30 years old except Flying Officer Leach, who is only 22 years old. Other members of the team are: Flight Lieutenant Stainforth, who was formerly an Officer in the Regular Army and was a reserve pilot in 1929; Flight Lieutenant Hope and Long, both of whom has been stationed at Felixstowe for some time and had opportunity of flying high speed machines; Lieutenant Brinton, who is the first member of the Fleet Air Arm to be a member of the racing team; Flight Lieutenant Boothman, who has been carrying out special high speed research work on the 1929 Schneider machines during the past year, and Flying Officer Smith, who went to Felixstowe as a Seaplane Test Pilot, where he has had wide high speed experience.

During the training at Felixstowe, to be followed in about two months' time by a special course at Calshot on Southampton Water, the team will at first fly "Fairey Flycatchers" and "Fairey Fire Fly" machines, which have a speed of over 200 miles per hour, and which will also be used in the preliminary stages. The other machines that will be available will be a "Supermarine Napier Five," which won the 1927 race, a "Gloster Napier Four" and a "Supermarine Rolls-Royce Six" machine, which has been modified since the 1929 race was won with one of them.

Secrecy is observed regarding the two other machines, which are now under construction. The speeds of which these machines are capable are also kept secret, but the possibility of about 400 miles per hour being reached "on the flat" is confidently discussed. The last Schneider Race raised the speed for the race from 201 to 329 miles per hour, and Squadron Leader Orlebar's world record raised the flat speed of the previous record from 319 miles to 350 miles per hour. — British Wireless Service.

GRAF ZEPPELIN.

BRITISH EXPERTS JOIN FLIGHT TO CAIRO.

R.100 COMMANDER ABOARD.

Friedrichshafen, Yesterday. British experts are strongly represented aboard the Graf Zeppelin, which departed for Cairo at 4 a.m. with twenty-five passengers, who include Lt.-Comdr. Booth, the commander of the R.100, and Colonel Gossage, who is British military attaché at Berlin.

Alexandria, Yesterday. The Imperial Airways liner which left Croydon on April 4, with the first air mail for Australia, has arrived.

The mail is being sent by air to Cairo instead of by the usual train.—Reuter.

FRENCH OFFICER'S LOSS.

Mr. J. Lorain, an officer on board the French gunboat Vigilante, which is at present lying at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the Police that during the fifteen interval yesterday, some person entered his cabin and stole a wallet containing \$100.

DEPRESSED PRICE OF SILVER.

U.S. Visit of Governor of Bank of England.

WORLD'S GOLD SUPPLY.

New York, Yesterday. The object of Mr. Montagu Norman's visit here, according to authoritative quarters in Wall Street, has been to discuss such matters as maladministration of the world's gold supply, the depressed price of silver, and the effects of world trade.

It is emphasised that his visit is in no wise connected with any agreement subject to debt payments.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Montagu Norman is the Governor of the Bank of England and has recently had discussions with Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary to the United States Treasury, and Federal Bank officials.]

GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR HOME.

To Undergo Treatment in Europe.

SUCCEEDED BY PHILATELIST.

London, Yesterday. It is announced that Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of Bombay, is sailing for Home on leave on April 25 on medical advice. Sir J. E. B. Hotson will act as Governor in his absence.

It is learned that Sir Frederick Sykes faced the alternative of undergoing treatment only obtainable in Europe or submitting to an operation.—Reuter.

[Major-General the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, P.C., G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., was born in Addiscombe in 1877 and in 1920, married daughter of the late Rt. Hon. A. Bonar Law. He joined the 15th (King's) Hussars in 1901, after serving in the Imperial Yeomanry and Commander-in-Chief's Bodyguard in the South African campaign, and at the outbreak of the European War was a Brevet Lieutenant Colonel, having previously acted as Commander of the Royal Flying Corps, Military Wing, 1912, which he raised and commanded until 1914. In 1917 he was appointed Deputy Director at the War Office, and was a Member of the Imperial War Cabinet. Sir Frederick has been Governor of Bombay since 1928.

Sir John Ernest Butterly Hotson, O.B.E., has been a Member of the Council of the Government of Bombay since 1926. He was born in 1877 and educated at Edinburgh Academy and Magdalene College, Oxford. He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1900. Sir John has acted as Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, and is a keen stamp collector, being Editor of the Philatelic Journal of India from 1928-29.]

ON DUTCH SHIP.

THREE CHINESE WOMEN TAKEN OFF.

RAMBLING EXCUSES.

Lance-Sergeant Stedman, of the Water Police, this morning charged three Chinese women before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), with boarding the J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjibodas without the permission of the master or officer in charge. They all pleaded "guilty."

Asked by the Magistrate what they were doing on board, the first woman said that she went there to see the No. 2 cook. Second accused said that she was merely accompanying No. 3 and did not know the latter's business. No. 3 said that she went to see another Chinese member of the crew.

Sub-Inspector Munro said that, at the Water Police Station, No. 2 said that she went to see a relative who was a stoker on board, but was unable to give his name. All three accused claimed to the Police that they were married women and appeared on the charge sheet as such, and all gave different addresses in Yau-tai.

His Worship imposed fines of \$10 each or one week's hard labour in default.

SKIING TRAGEDY IN SWITZERLAND.

Daughter of Ex-Sirdar of Egypt Killed.

SKULL FRACTURED.

Scheidegg, Switzerland, Yesterday.

While skiing on the southern slopes of the Lauberhorn, above Kleine Scheidegg, Miss Helen Stack, aged 25, the daughter of Sir Lee Stack, former Sirdar of Egypt who was assassinated in Cairo in 1924, collided with a Briton, Mr. Lionel Balfour. Her skull was fractured and she died instantaneously.

Mr. Balfour was severely injured and sent to hospital.—Reuter.

[Scheidegg or Scheidegg is a famous pass in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, between the valley of Grindelwald and the Haithal, north of the Wetterhorn. The altitude is about 6,434 feet.]

PRINCE TO VISIT KING OF SPAIN.

To Fly Back to Britain by 'Plane.

OWN MACHINE SOLD.

Rugby, Yesterday. On the Prince of Wales's return journey from his South American tour he will visit the King and Queen of Spain in Madrid. According to present plans he will disembark from the liner Arlanza in Lisbon and complete the journey to Britain by air. When he started from Britain in January he flew to Paris in his own machine, which was afterward returned to the De Havilland Company to be sold. The "Puss Moth," which he will use in his flight from Lisbon, is a new plane which he bought before leaving home for use in South America, and which will accompany him across the Atlantic on the Arlanza. — British Wireless Service.

KING'S HEALTH.

R.10 RECOVERY NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

IMPROVEMENT SHOWN.

Rugby, Yesterday. It was officially stated at Windsor Castle to-day that the improvement in the King's condition is maintained. He signed a number of State documents and transacted official business in his room. It is emphasised in authoritative circles that rapid recovery is not to be looked for.

The British Medical Journal today emphasises the fact that recovery from sub-acute-bronchitis, such as the King has been suffering from, must take time, especially when occurring at the end of the Winter.—British Wireless Service.

PRINCE BIBESCO.

LEAVES PARIS ON FLIGHT TO SAIGON.

"COMTE DE LAVAULX."

Paris, Yesterday. A large party at 6.25 this morning bade godspeed to Prince George Bibesco, the president of the International Aeronautical Federation, who is accompanied by two Roumanian pilots and a British mechanic, when they started off to Saigon.

Their machine is named Comte de Lavaux, after the ex-President of the Federation who was killed in a crash in the United States last year.

WANDERING CHILDREN.

A Chinese girl, aged six years, who was found wandering in Gillies Avenue yesterday afternoon was sent to the Po Leung Kuk. She is stated to have been unable to give an account of herself.

A Chinese boy, aged seven years, who was found wandering in Portland Street, was taken by Wing Wah-chuen of the Wing Wo Loong Shoe shop, to the Mongkok Police Station at 7 o'clock last night.

STERN MEASURES FOR MADEIRA REVOLT.

All Ports Closed to Ships and Commerce.

SEVERE PENALTIES.

Lisbon, Yesterday. An official decree closes all ports of the Madeira Archipelago to commerce and navigation, and prohibits communication of the inhabitants with the exterior, except as regards ships entering and leaving for the evacuation of foreigners.

The decree imposes special penalties for commerce in arms and ammunition, and orders the immediate trial by tribunal aboard one of the expeditionary ships of all infringing this decree. — Reuter.

RAIN AND FOG.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anti-cyclone is central between S.W. Japan and the Bonins.

Moderating monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—E. winds, strong, moderating; overcast; & some rain and fog.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—nil. Rainfall since January 1—5.77 inches against an average of 7.56 inches deficit 1.78 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	65
Macao	65
Pratas Island	74
Manila	77
Foochow	62
Amoy	63
Chefoo	60
Shanghai	60

SPEAKER DEAD.

MARRIED A DAUGHTER OF "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT.

MR. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the

COAL-OIL TO TAKE PLACE OF PETROL?

Discovery of Importance to Oil Industry.

ANTI-KNOCKING SPIRIT.

Rugby, Yesterday. The recent announcement of the formation of an International Company holding the patents and interests of several leading companies in Hydro-generation processes for producing oil from coal, gives point to the references to the technical progress in these processes made by Sir Harry McGowan, as Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, which is one of the companies concerned.

He stated that research had led to striking developments, produced with no appreciable loss to the petrol, having anti-knocking qualities equal to the finest grades now on the market. The pooling of the resources of the leading world groups is bound to be of great commercial importance in future years. — British Wireless Service.

RAINFALL.

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SMALL BLAZE IN THE G.C.H.

Excitement Among the Patients.

QUICKLY SUPPRESSED.

There was some excitement in the Government Civil Hospital this morning when a fire broke out, soon after 10 o'clock, in a section of the "B" block of buildings.

The alarm was sent out early and the engine from the Kennedy Town Sub-Station turned out promptly. The flames were tackled before they had time to spread, and within a short time they were extinguished without causing much damage. The cause of the outbreak is supposed to be the fusing of some electric wires.

When the alarm was sent through to the Central Fire Station, two engines were sent out from there, but found upon arrival that their services were not required.

JAPANESE PREMIER MAY RESIGN.

Mr. Wakatsuki Likely To Be Successor.

DECISION AWAITED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Owing to Mr. Hamaguchi's weakened condition, following his operation on the 5th inst., the belief is growing that his resignation is merely a question of time. It is likely that his successor will be either the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, who headed the Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference last year, or the octogenarian former member of the Cabinet, Baron Yamamoto.

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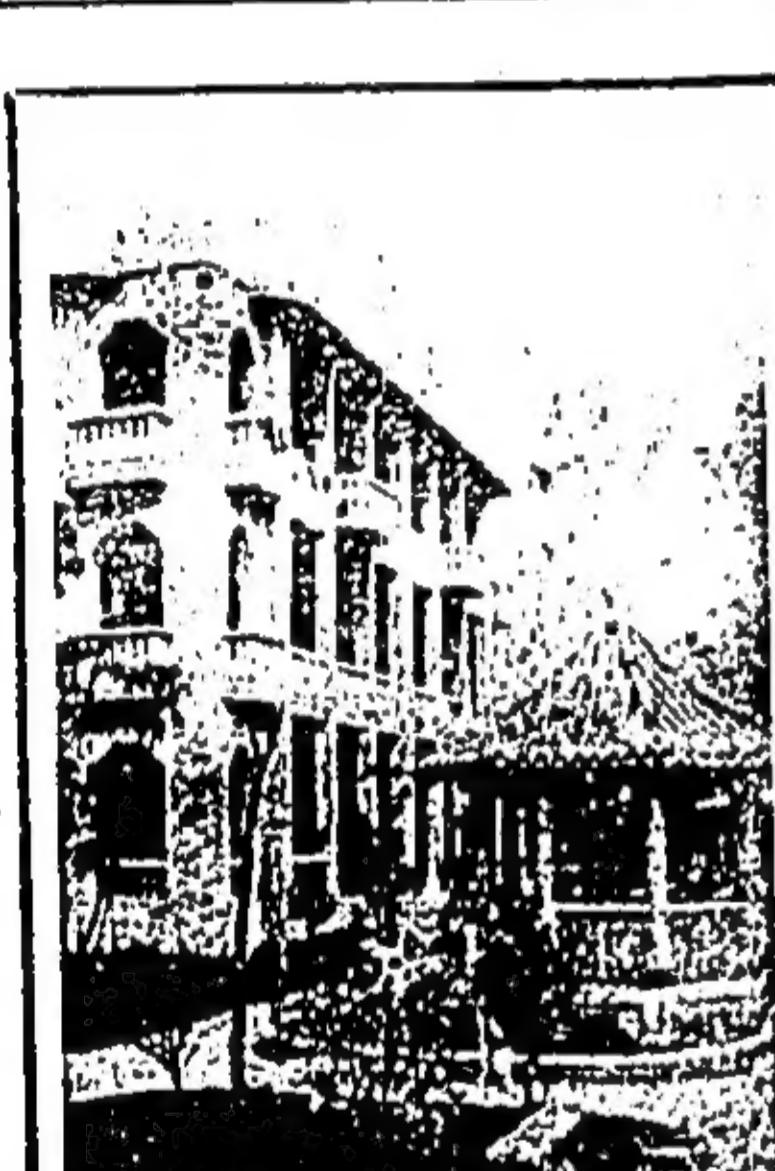
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

R.
G. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal of a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong.)

ENGLAND'S SECRET EARTHQUAKE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at 3 p.m., at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on THURSDAY, the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st April, 1931, until THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON AND AFTER 1ST APRIL NEXT, the Hong Kong Dispensary Drug Store and the Wine Department will observe the following hours of business.

8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturday when both Stores will close at 1 p.m. The Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open.

On week days until 7.30 p.m. On Sundays and Public Holidays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hong Kong, 28th March, 1931.

NOTICE.

I HAVE TO-DAY established myself as Stock and Share Broker with offices in the Bank of Canton Building, 5th floor, Telephone No. 22048.

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Member of the Hong Kong
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have appointed Messrs. GILMAN & CO., LTD., to be our Distributors in Hong Kong and South China for the sale of HUMBER and HILLMAN CARS, effective from April 1, 1931.

ROOTES LIMITED.
Hong Kong, April 9, 1931.

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Hong Kong, April 9, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the interest of Mr. NOEL VICTOR AMOR CROUCHER in our firm ceased as from the 31st day of March, 1931.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.
Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have to-day admitted Mr. SHI YU-MAN as a partner in our Firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS.
Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have retired from the firm of Messrs. BENJAMIN & POTTS as from the 31st day of March, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building where I am carrying on business as a Stock & Share Broker as from the date hereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

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Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

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THRIFT HABIT.

"Save your pennies and go round the world," is the advice of Mr. Oscar S. Bodenhausen, an American, who is spending a week in Britain after visiting most of the countries in the world on the strength of saving his dimes for the past 27 years.

I motored through a great stretch of Essex smashed and rent by an earthquake. I passed through villages and tiny hamlets where the churches have no steeples, and cruel gashes can be seen in the walls of the houses.

I inspected streets where every house has been damaged, and I spoke to eye-witnesses who narrowly escaped death, writes D.D. in a mail week Daily Express.

My first visit was to the village of Langenhoe. In the cosy inn bar sat old Sam Winter. It was snowing outside and the tiny village pond was occupied by one inacne duck.

I noticed three or four of the countrymen were smiling at Sam and grinning at me. He coughed, pulled hard at his tankard, and pushed a newspaper over to me. Then he said quietly in the rich brogue of Essex:—

"Be no earthquakes? Ho! Ho! Ho! Young feller, on April 22, 1884, I mind little bother. It shook off from Colchester to Langenhoe. It took the steeple from Langenhoe Church, my boy, and from St. Mary's in Wivenhoe, and from the church at Flinghœ, I mind!"

"That be right," said the bar company.

"And there be houses in Wivenhoe still broken by it and many men who can swear to missing death through it," said old Sam, "and I 'member my mother—rest her spirit—rushing me into the street when the flames were a-comin' out of the earth! Cattle were a-dyin' and houses a-breakin'," said old Sam, and drained the tankard.

"Aye—that be right," said the bar company.

Terrified County.

And so I heard the story of England's Secret Earthquake and took a motorcar and went over the Essex countryside to see for myself.

The rest of England does not appear to have heard of this amazing quake which terrified Essex that April day forty seven years ago. There is not a man, woman, or child, in these ubiquitous little villages who cannot give you the date and some account of the accident.

It is as fresh as yesterday to these countrymen, and is still hotly discussed in the tiny local halls and wonderful little bar parlours.

The first man I questioned in Wivenhoe took me into his house and showed me a great beam jolted out of place.

"It did that," he said, "and my father rushed us out of the house and shouted to the neighbours. One paving stone crashed just in front of one of our neighbours. And look over there." He pointed to St. Mary's Church. "The steeple of that came off that day."

Langenhoe Church, a splendid old pile, lonely in its lichen-choked churchyard, has enormous rents in its sides. It, too, lost its tower that day. On the door was a frayed notice announcing that this was the time to take out licences for armorial bearings.

It was here I learned the failings of earthquake hunting. My motorcar sank in swampy ground up to the running boards, and I had to plod far along the road in search of a horse to pull us out.

Fire, Too!

And at this Langenhoe Church there is nothing but a farm. When I asked the jovial-looking farmer to loan me his steed he said:

"And what would be taking ye with a car to that church?"

"I'm investigating an earthquake," I replied.

"Eh?" he chuckled. "Oh fine. But wait till I show ye to Johnny. He'll like it grand. He's bin a gloomy horse these three weeks!"

One buxom countrywoman said to me, "Why, I was a kiddie in school where the garage is now when it broke on us. And all the teachers ran out and left us babes to fend for ourselves! And the fire that sprang from the ground!"

This short tour was one of the severest experiences of my life.

It was like rushing through a little Pompeii known only to a few dozen old countrymen, who gaped at you and then grinned to their cronies.

"Here be a man, Bob, who has never heard o' the quake. Ho ho, ho!"

I returned to my first stopping place, Old Sam, was investigating a fresh tankard. He caught sight of me, grinned, and waved the Daily Express mischievously in my direction.

"Quakes!" chuckled Old Sam, "there bin a little bother, a little bother."

"That be right," roared the bar company joyously.

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

A terrible tragedy involving the death of a young European lady very well-known and popular in the Colony, marred the enjoyment of the Easter season. The young lady, who was motoring with a friend, was thrown out of the car, and so badly injured that she died within a very short time of being rushed to hospital. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a report of the sad affair.

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Sidelights on standards of living from the point of view of the Chinese business man, featured a piquant case in the Bankruptcy Court. Debtor, who admitted having gone into bankruptcy through speculation in the share boom of 1925, strongly repudiated suggestions that certain expenses appearing in a list submitted to the Court were not essential for the securing of business. The case is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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Features of the Easter Race Meeting, over two days, were the defeat of some well-fancied favourites, and one or two exceptional dividends. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a complete account of the racing, in the course of which two or three local records were broken.

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Two deaths of well-known residents were reported during the week. Mr. A. V. Apac, a resident of 38 years' standing, died suddenly in London; whilst Mr. K. C. Lau, a prominent business man and racing owner, died after an ineffectual operation for appendicitis. The deaths are recorded in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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A successful annual Rifle Shooting Meeting was held at Stoneycutters' at Easter by the Volunteer Corps, and is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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There is no phase of the life of the Colony or of China that does not receive attention in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL—the weekly paper that YOU MUST ORDER NOW.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or failing at home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and Chinese news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

The word "Overland" is a reminder of the experience behind the production, it having been published since the early days of the Colony, to be sent via Suez Canal, and that was the quickest route by which to get mail home. In the march of time the "Overland China Mail" has become the most popular weekly news judged, as it has been compiled just to suit present-day requirements, as it has done all along. What more could be desired?

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KARMAKA	9,128	11th Apr. Noon	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp
RAJPUTANA	10,553	25th Apr. 2nd May	Marseilles & London, Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SUDAN	—	—	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KIDDERPORE	5,631	5th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
BURDWAN	—	30th May	Sandwich—South wall.
KASHMIR	8,085	6th June	Thracian—No. 13 buoy.
RANIPURA	16,601	20th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th Aug.	M'selles, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
KHYBER	9,114	1st Sept.	M'selles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*SOMALI	—	8th Aug.	Foreign Men-of-War.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Mindanao—American gunboat.
KARMAKA	9,128	29th Aug.	Vigilante—French gunboat.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	M'selles & London.
*SUDAN	—	19th Sept.	M'selles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	M'selles & London.

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1931.			
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BURDWAN	—	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
BIRDHANA	7,745	12th Apr.	Amoi, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	8th May	Amoi, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,085	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANIPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHA	7,745	22nd May	Amoi, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
EASSEGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,504	20th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	13th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELORE	6,853	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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The annual report of the Shipping Federation, of which the Earl of Inchcape is the President, tells an unhappy tale of unemployment at sea. It appears that 47,644 British seafarers are idle, that is to say 33 per cent. of the total.

Industrial relations in the shipping industry during 1930 have, with a few minor exceptions, been good, and between the Shipping Federation and the National Union of Seamen the relationship has been "completely harmonious." No dispute affecting seamen has occurred during the year.

It is recorded that out of a total personnel of 203,560 serving in the Mercantile Marine, 133,608 are British, 53,571 are Lancasters, and 16,383 only are foreign subjects.

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

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Moth—South wall. Osiris—East wall. Oswald—East wall. Petersfield—North wall. Sandwich—South wall.

Thracian—No. 13 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Mindanao—American gunboat.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mr. K. C. Lau wish to thank all friends for expressions of sympathy and attendance at the funeral and for floral tributes.

Hong Kong, Friday, April 10, 1931.

A SAD BUSINESS.

Hong Kong is an easy target for satire, and it is only to be expected that sharp literary wits would expose it for what it is—a South of England suburb transplanted to the China Sea. But perhaps there are some of us who are not ashamed of living in a suburb and would resent it if the Colony were run on any other social lines. Whatever we are, and we are of all sorts and conditions, we are all very necessary to the welfare of this part of the Empire; not perhaps as individuals, but in the mass. If we are not Government Servants we are employed in business houses upon whose commercial transactions the financial stability of the Colony is largely dependent. We are all vital little cogs in the wheel of Imperial development, and it may not seem to matter two hoots to Lord Passfield and the British public whether we play Bridge or mah-jongg, whether we read Mr. Priestley or Mr. H. B. Lawrence, or whether we have no intellectual life at all beyond occasional concerts of instrumental music in the Helena M. Institute. On the other hand, although it would be dangerous to say that it is the rule, it assuredly is not the exception that ability and efficiency are allied to culture and the pursuit of intellectual pleasures. The museum and library which we

have so often criticised in these columns, are a disgrace to any civilised community and none would suffer if they were to be closed to the public and added as an extension to the "Cheero Club for Soldiers and Sailors." The bitter truth is that the Government does not take the slightest interest in the cultural life of the community, and does nothing to ameliorate the conditions obtaining in the Colony which make residence here so dreary an event for a great many of us. If it were not for the various Associations and Clubs and parish debates which the more energetic organise in their spare hours, we should be in a state of perpetual melancholia. It is left to private enterprise to achieve anything worth while, and to those individuals, who help to brighten our lives in the face of active discouragement and often official hostility, we take off our hats.

News in Brief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer left for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. Empress of Asia.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 63 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. was 67 and at 4 p.m. 90.

The Chief and Petty Officers of H.M.S. Cumberland are giving a farewell dance on Monday in the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, and Mrs. Wellington left for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. Empress of Asia.

Mr. E. E. Benham, who was the recipient of a farewell presentation in the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club, left yesterday by the s.s. Empress of Asia for Shanghai.

Admitting a previous conviction, Cheng Fung was in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, sent to jail for three months for stealing two iron bars from a stone quarry at Kowloon City.

The Naval Armament Supply Officer notified the Harbour Master that a small quantity of fireworks and small arms ammunition will be fired for proof purposes at the Stonecutters' rifle range on Monday afternoon.

A Japanese poodle bitch, belonging to Master P. D. Keyser, of 4 Salice Terrace, was removed to Ma Tau Kok for observation yesterday, after it had bitten Miss Daneberg, of 27, Jordan Road, who was treated in the Kowloon Hospital.

For having possession of 50 taels of raw opium at the Kowloon Railway Station, Chu Yick-man was in the Kowloon Police Court this morning fined \$1,500 or six months' imprisonment. The opium was discovered sealed in pineapple tins.

Mr. Miram, engineer-in-charge of the Upper Dam at Aberdeen has reported to the Police that between 10 p.m. on April 4 and 6 a.m. on April 5, some person gained entrance into the stores by breaking a padlock, and stole tools to the total value of \$163.

"You will go to the Revenue Office and pay three times the duty on this tobacco and spirit" said Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Police Court this morning when he cautioned Tong Shun for having possession of 1/6 gallon of spirit and 1/4 lb. of Chinese tobacco on which duty had not been paid, at Yaumati Railway Station. Defendant, who was on bail of \$19, had to pay \$6.58.

RADIO ACTIVITIES.

OFFICIAL REPORT FOR MARCH.

Actual hours of transmission totalled 262,756, of which 153 were devoted to European programmes and 109.75 to Chinese programmes, as follows:

European Chinese

Morning Transmissions including

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March 48

CORRESPONDENCE.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.

To the Editor of the "China Mail":

Sir.—There have been several displeased comments on the fact that the Sakkhoff's performance after one postponement has now been cancelled altogether. What ever may be the reason for this second disappointment, the public can scarcely be blamed for feeling somewhat indignant over this treatment, coming as it does so soon after the prolonged uncertainty as to the date of Toti Dal Monte's recital.

I wish to point out that the Hong Kong Musical Society, which does its best to disseminate advance information with regard to forthcoming concerts, is as much inconvenienced by these changes as anybody, and can only pass on such information as is received from impresarios and advertising agents. The revised dates for the Sakkhoff Dancers were not circularised by the Society, as we feel we should incur part of the blame in the event of another cancellation; and as things have turned out our decision was justified.

The only impending musical event to which attention can be drawn at the moment—in this case with a fair certainty that it will take place, since the artiste is in the Colony—is the second piano recital by Youn Giller on Tuesday, April 21, at 9.20 p.m. in the Helena May Institute.

At the first recital, which we took the responsibility of organising, the audience was most enthusiastic, and it is due to the keen desire expressed by many that they should have another opportunity of hearing this splendid artiste, that she is giving a further performance before her departure. On this occasion the concert will take place at 9.20 p.m. which will probably suit many people better than an afternoon recital.

Yours, etc.,
A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

Hon. Secretary,
H.K. Musical Society.
Hong Kong, April 9.

THIS VOLUNTEERING RACKET!

To the Editor of "China Mail":

Sir.—The annual inspection of the Volunteers has, I see, brought forth the perennial grouse against the "slackers" of the Colony, although the G.O.C. struck a new line of thought when he indicated that the census which had recently been taken will provide information making it possible to arrive at the number of those who are

admitting a previous conviction, Cheng Fung was in the Kowloon Police Court this morning when he was fined \$1,500 or six months' imprisonment. The opium was discovered sealed in pineapple tins.

I will preface my remarks by stating that for young men in their early twenties, I consider Volunteering an excellent form of sport, and with a crowd of decent fellows, really good fun. What I object to, however, is the current military point of view toward Volunteering, in its relation to the citizens of this Colony.

The late lamented holocaust that swept over Europe brought to light one very strong fact, and it is that "cannon fodder" can be manufactured at remarkably short notice. It may not be very good material, in the light of strict efficiency, but it was willing, and it was good enough for its purpose. This being so, I fail to see why presumably intelligent human beings should spend years of their life—and of their spare time—in learning to form fours, hit bulls' eyes, and so forth.

The type of man we have in the Volunteers—the type of man who is expected to become a Volunteer—is just the man who was told in the late War that it was his duty to take commissioned rank. He will be told the same thing in the next war, and in spite of any service he may have had with institutions like the Volunteer Corps, he will still have to undergo a course of training (quite rightly), before he is put in command of men of his own. I maintain, therefore, that our Volunteer Corps, as it is constituted to-day, serves no useful purpose. We are told that in the event of a military emergency, the training one has received here would be of invaluable help to which I venture to reply "Bosh!" In five days, any normal sergeant-major can knock as much into the average man's head as the Volunteer Corps could in five years! The conclusion is obvious, therefore, and it is that until the local Volunteers are organised more as an Officers' Cadet Corps, rather than as a regimental unit, the Corps is not fulfilling its real duty. To my way of thinking, every man in the Corps should be able to get out in front and drill

his own Company, and at least sixty per cent. of the Corps should be able to put the entire Corps through battalion drill. Every man should be instructed in the rudiments of military history, and in the elements of tactics and strategy, with particular reference to the newer forms of warfare—mechanical, aerial, bacteriological, etc.

Another thing puzzles me, and it is these "Volunteer" arguments, and it is that reference is always made to "military" emergencies. The life-blood of the Empire is its trade, after all, but what would happen in the event of a "civil" emergency similar to the military ones always so much feared? Supposing an epidemic—by some strange freak of nature—were to lay low the majority of the business men of Hong Kong; could the Army step in and keep the wheels of commerce revolving for us? Good fellows though they are, I doubt it. I would give much to see Lieutenant Dash frowning over a bill of lading, or wondering just what magic was involved in the entering and clearing of even the meanest tramp that sails the high seas! Even more would I enjoy seeing Colonel Pom-Pom struggling with the intricacies of "double entry." At the moment, he probably imagines it has something to do with this new contract Bridge, and he sleeps none the worse for nights for his belief!

I am aware that a certain few officers spend part of their time at places like the London School of Economics, where they are initiated into the mysteries of international law, economic science, etc. But the percentage of officers who undergo such instruction is infinitely smaller than the percentage of Volunteers to non-Volunteers in this Colony. Likewise, they get leave of absence from their normal duties for such courses, which is more than the unfortunate—or enthusiastic, as you will—Volunteer gets for his parades.

No, Sir! When I see muchly-ribbed majors, and bright young subalterns, poring over their books on Commercial Arithmetic at Night Schools in this Colony, then I shall be prepared to reconsider my views regarding Volunteering. Until then, however, nothing doing!

Yours, etc.,

A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

Hon. Secretary,
H.K. Musical Society.
Hong Kong, April 9.

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

Mr. Sit Kok-sin, the celebrated Cantonese actor, gave a brilliant reception and banquet to his friends, both Chinese and foreign, on the occasion of his birthday in the Kam Ling Restaurant last night. Several hundred guests attended, the scene being a brilliant one.

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

"Flight." A Columbia picture with a man whom we all liked in the old days—Jack Holt and his Buddy in pictures, Ralph Graves. It was the first Flying talkie, and is still, to my mind, one of the best of them all. It is a tale of two hard-boiled Marine Corps Flyers in Florida and Nicaragua (scene of the recent disaster). The air shots are magnificent, and the Director, Frank Capri, is to be commended. Sweet Lila Lee is the romance involved. Another good acting part is done by young Harold Goodwin. If you ask my opinion you will not miss this film.—(Central).

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"The Sea Bat." A South Seas picture, taken in the real surroundings in Mexico. What an



"Suppose you lost your mastery over the ear?"

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other? You will say! Yes; but this has Charles Bickford, and that makes it something better than ordinary. Then, too, there is the assortment of dialects. Nils Asther with Swedish-English, Raquel Torres with her Spanish-English and George Marion (of "Anna Christie") talking like an Italian fruit seller. Story? Oh, an escaped convict lands on a remote South Sea Island and steals the clothes of a missionary. Imagine the complications. Wearing the cloth he has to convert the soul, and bury the natives, and, of course, has his strongest spiritual battle with the flaming torrid Raquel. I found that more interesting than his fight with the large animal known in its local waters as "The Sea Bat." Not too great, but a Bickford picture is never waste of time.—(Queen's).

him in a different type of play all the time, and he still wins through. Now in "Morocco" he is not overshadowed by a great artiste like Marlene Dietrich, and I am still at a loss to know what has caused this transformation of making a cow-boy into a great actor. See "The Spoilers" and certainly see "Morocco." Gary Cooper is worth watching. (King's).

Easily the best thing that Ronald Colman has done in the Talkies, that is, with the exception of his latest, "The Devil to Pay." Do not miss seeing how delightful he is in "Raffles." If you have read the story of the handsome young cricketer who lived quite another life by night, you will like this version. Kay Francis is not the only one who would have followed him to Paris, adventurer as he is. David Torrence, brother of the most famous Ernest—is good as the Scottish detective. I like Alison Skipworth as Lady Melrose and Frederick Kerr, as good as he was in "The Lady of Scandal." Yes, Ronnie IS delightful. (Star).

Quite a step from "The Treas-
passer," and yet I like Gloria romping round as a comedienne. Versatility is her middle name. I am glad she had the courage to play in such a farce. One thing disappointed. Her rather high-pitched speaking voice. Her singing is sweetly pretty. The gowns are Gloria to a "T"—perfection. I like Owen Moore and Lew Cody. I like the setting—and I adore Gloria, who still photographs like a million dollars. Admitted I want her the next time in drama, but give me Gloria Swanson anyhow and any time. (World).

Johnny Mack Brown gives the show of his life in "Billy the Kid." The story is unreal but lively, and the star is grandly supported. In real life this outlaw was a cold-blooded killer, but he is cleaned up for the Talkies, and a hero and a gentleman. Wallace Beery on his tracks all the time, and Kay Johnson the blond motif. All quite exciting and I like him better in this than in previous performances. (Queen's).

"Follow Through" is from another highly successful musical comedy. Again a golf story with Nancy Carroll as the pretty golfer who is beaten in the championship by Thelma Todd, till she is coached by the professional, Buddy Rogers. Then the glorious finale, Zelma O'Neal and Jack Haley from the original stage production add the comedy. There are songs in plenty. "Love in the Rough" was a riot here, so there will be packed houses to see this too. I am not golfer, nor a Buddy Rogers fan, and I favour Nancy in drama, so I do not rave over this. Let it go at that. (King's).

Shortly we are to be introduced to a very great actress, the newest star of Paramount—and they have made many—the beautiful Marlene Dietrich. I am sick and tired of the "fans" who compare her with Jeanne Eagels and Garbo. There is NO comparison. This woman is ALONE. See "Morocco" and you will agree. It is not a play for the babes; it IS hot stuff. This woman of the Morocco cabaret is vivid, fascinating, and she will stir up storms of talk. There is masterly direction by von Sternberg, the man who brought her from Germany. He has overcome her slight accent in a remarkable manner. You will find her sentences are short and scattered. There are remarkable photographic effects of sun and shadow in the bazaars of this centuries-old desert town. Those moonlight scenes in the narrow streets with dimly moving figures, a married woman seeking her Legionnaire lover, a cabaret singer fluttering moth-like after the same personable young man, and Garry Cooper, from now on to be branded with the title of "The Screen's Lover," and that is more marvelous to relate, he hardly embraces Marlene. It is just what this man LEADS one to imagine that makes him the great actor he is now. I won't tell you more of the story, but that last glimpse of the woman throwing off her shoes and tramping off into the desert with the native women, the slim white figure willing to go where he goes; his slave following her man to the desert is stamped on my memory. This woman is an actress. Good woman, bad woman, now can we tell? She is just a human being roughly handled by fate, a fiery, lovable, alluring mis-taken—pitiful figure, yet every breath she draws will make you believe in this woman's great love, which spells sacrifice. Adolphe Menjou is as good as ever, in the part of the Frenchman who offers her marriage. See "Morocco!" It should pack the Central.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

A few come-backs. Thomas Meighan, Mae Murray, Laura La Plante, Monte Blue, Cara Kimball Young, Bryan Washburn and Greta Nissen. Now wait and see. Maurice Chevalier is at work on "The Smiling Lieutenant," a gay

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IT IS NOTIFIED for information of the Public that while Drainage Work is in progress in Pedder Street opposite Gloucester Building, a part of the Motor Car Park in Pedder Street will be CLOSED to the public. This notice will take effect on the 10th April and will remain in force until further notice. All traffic must proceed with caution.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police.
Hong Kong, 9th April, 1931.

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FOLLOW THROUGH.

Black-haired, black-eyed, handsome Charles Rogers and red-haired, blue-eyed Nancy Carroll, the lovers of "Abie's Irish Rose," of "Close Harmony," make a "peach of a pair" in Paramount's all-Technicolor moving picture production of the famous Schwab and Mandel stage hit "Follow Through."

"Follow Through" which will open to-day in the King's Theatre is a love story with a Golf Club setting and a world of comedy. Laurence Schwab, himself, went to Hollywood to direct it in conjunction with Lloyd Corrigan, taking with him everything he needed from the original two-year Broadway hit, including Zelma O'Neal and Jack Haley, its lively, youthful, convincing comic leads. Also he brought with him the catchy song hits, including "Button Up Your Overcoat," and Paramount song writers supplied him with a few new ones.

"Follow Through" is a pert and peppy outdoor story. Nancy Carroll, with ambitions to win a championship crown on the links, diverts her attention from golf to the handsome Club professional, Charles Rogers, and gives her rival, Thelma Todd, a chance to hole out first. Successful on the fairways, Thelma tries her talent at love-making, but Nancy refuses to give her any advantage there. Rogers has an eye for golf champions, so that Nancy, to win a husband, has first to win the golf crown.

comedy with some songs and Claudette Colbert again opposite.

Janet Gaynor has been ill in a hospital in Honolulu. Her latest with Charles Farrell is not too highly praised.

Ernest Lubitsch will again direct Emile Jannings in "The Man I Killed."

There is no denying the fact that Charles Chaplin's "City Lights" is another masterpiece.

Silvia Sydney, who is to be with Garry Cooper, replacing Clara Bow, will be remembered in "Through Different Eyes" with Warner Baxter. She is from the New York stage, but this is her first real chance in the Talkies.

It was said that singing films were not popular, but with Lawrence Tibbett in "The New Moon" and "The Southerner" packing the theatres, it goes to show the public still likes good music. John Boles is another favourite.

Kay Francis drove up to her wedding to Kenneth McKenna in an ambulance from a hospital where she had been treated for a jaw ailment. Gave her name as Katherine Gibbs, aged 25, and her real name came out as Leo Melziner, aged 31.

Pretty little Josephine Dunn, whom we loved in the Movies, has married since her divorce, a wealthy oil operator.

Melbourne. Yesterday. A twelve-year-old girl, Pamela Armstrong, has inherited the jewels, valued at \$14,000, presented to her grandmother, the late Dame Nellie Melba, by crowned heads of Europe.

Melba's will totals £200,000, and includes charitable and personal bequests, and £8,000 to found a musical scholarship at Melbourne, after which the residue goes to Pamela's parents, failing which it will be devoted to the encouragement of music in Victoria.

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COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

To-morrow—H.K. University Law and Commerce Society annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre;

"Follow Through."

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"The Sea Bat."

To-day—Central Theatre;

"Flight."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"Mama."

To-day—Star Theatre;

"Raffles."

To-day—World Theatre;

"What a Widow."

To-day—R.A.O.B. Dance, Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Pres. Jefferson and Karmala); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kalyan) 6 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Engineers Institute, annual meeting, 6 p.m.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

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Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

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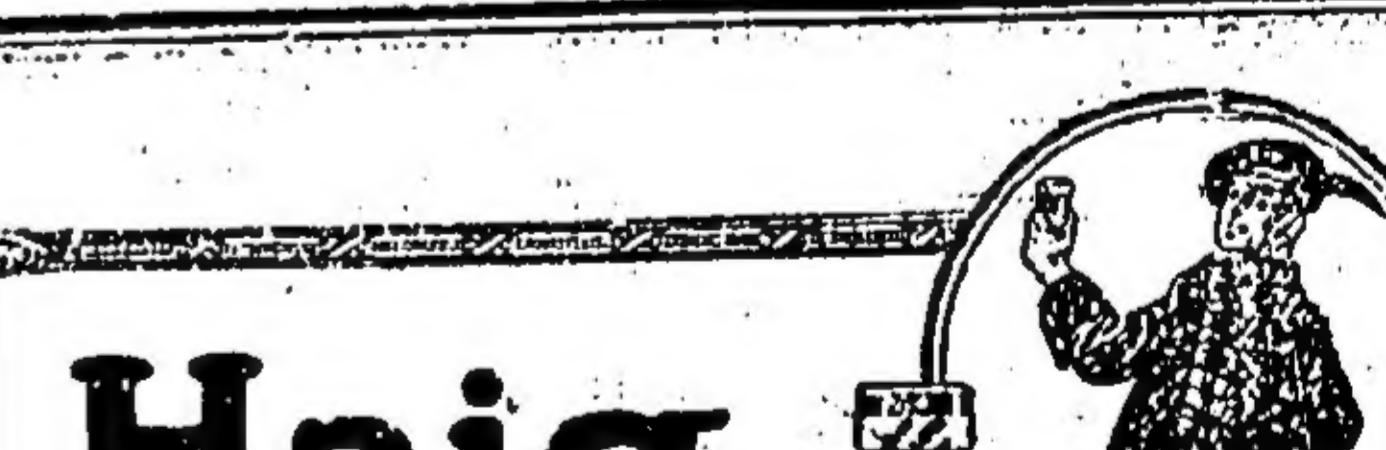
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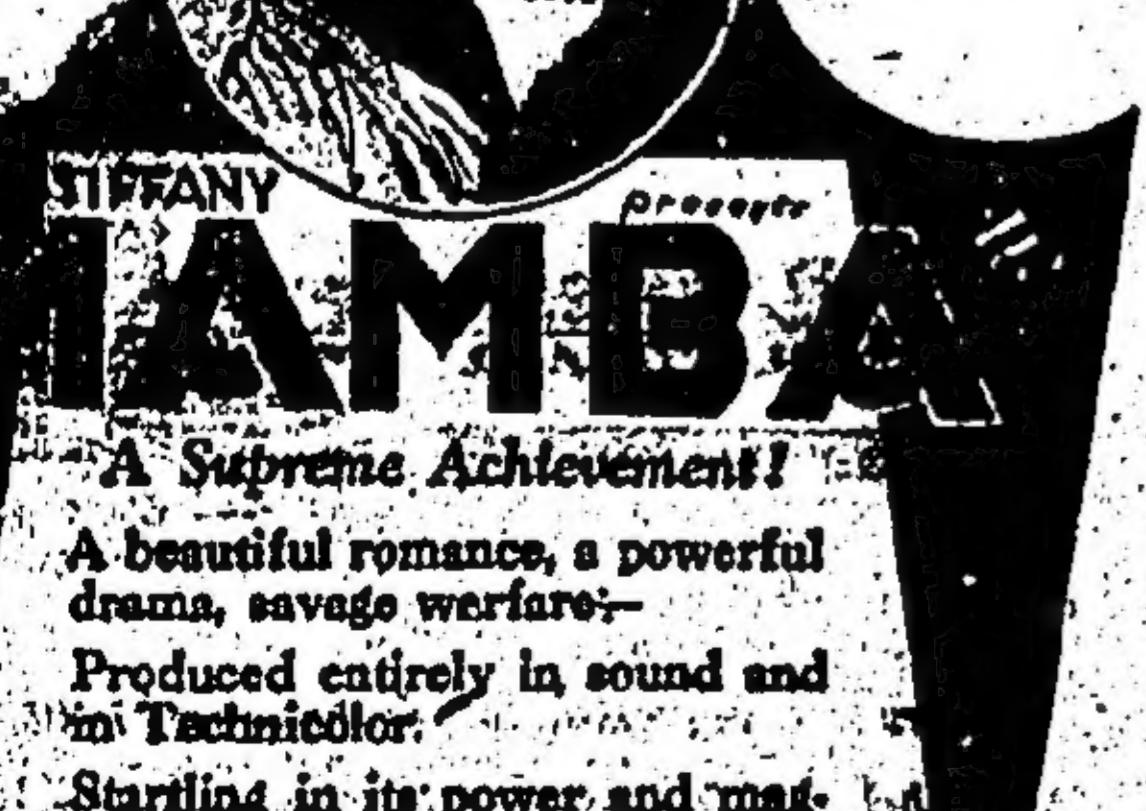
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Sport Columns

THE LAWN TENNIS PROFESSIONALS.

Revolutionary Move Pending.

AMATEUR PROPOSALS.

Big and highly important happenings appear to be pending in lawn tennis, writes Trevor C. Wiggin in the Daily Express. Ever since Tilden and Hunter, the Americans, turned to professionalism some little time ago it has been known that proposals will presently be made to British and Continental players to follow their example. At the moment what is already called the "Tilden Circus" is attracting prize-fight gates in New York and Boston, the principal games, of course, being those between the former amateur champion of the world and Karel Kozeluh, the Czechoslovakian. Remarkable guarantees have been offered Tilden to take his troupe to Australia and other countries, and one possibility is that he will be induced to visit London this Summer for the purpose of engaging in a tournament that will be in direct opposition to Wimbledon.

Novel Regulation.

There is one other very significant move. At Queen's Club, London, the Lawn Tennis Professional Association will hold its annual general meeting. The agenda, in the main is of the ordinary kind, but the final business to be discussed is the proposed passing of this new rule: "That amateurs who become professionals shall not be eligible to compete in professional competitions until a qualifying period of not less than six months has expired since becoming a professional." There are 120 members of the L.T.P.A.—and about 1,000 professional tennis players throughout the Empire—and I understand that the novel and quite unexpected regulation will be agreed to with acclamation.

Scoping the Pool.

I had a talk with Mr. M. F. Mousley, the honorary secretary of the L.T.P.A., and he told me that no one belonging to his body will be in the least surprised if in a few months' time many celebrated amateurs embrace professionalism. The idea of the new rule is to prevent the newcomers from scooping the pool at tournaments that are almost certain to be arranged. It is likely competitions will be promoted that will be much on the lines of the pelota games in Spain. The larger towns in the provinces will figure in this quite as much as London, while plans are also being discussed to run a world's championship, which will be open to all. It is hoped that this latter will be possible in June, July, or August of this year, but much will depend on the amount of money that can be collected. The prizes, naturally, will be cash, and it is not without interest that the L.T.P.A. will raise their subscription to two guineas for all members over twenty-one years of age.

Tilden's Debut.

Tilden has shown in America that there is a public for professional tennis. There was a huge crowd for his first match with Kozeluh at Madison Square Garden, and it was even asserted that his "circus" would seriously affect boxing and wrestling. When Suzanne Lenglen turned professional her tour was a failure because no one could be found who could give her game. Most of her appearances were in exhibition, but I think it can be stated now—and this is well within my knowledge—that when she was engaged by Mr. Pytl and Mr. Cochran both firmly believed that a famous British woman player would also become a professional. The original intention was to pair Lenglen and the British woman in matches all over the world. The project fell down when the British woman declined to give up her amateur status.

Social Occasion.

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WHO WILL WIN?

LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME TO-MORROW.

(Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Linceman.")

The following is a list of home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa	v. Sheffield U.
BOLTON	v. Leeds U.
Chelsea	v. Derby Co.
Grimsby	v. ARSENAL
Huddersfield	v. Birmingham
LIVERPOOL	v. Sunderland
SPICHESTER U.	v. Blackburn
MIDDLESBROUGH	v. Leicester
Newcastle	v. Manchester C.
Wednesday	v. PORTSMOUTH
WEST HAM	v. Blackpool

Division II.

BRADFORD	v. Barnsley
Burton	v. WEST BROM.
HILL-WALL	v. Cardiff C.
NOTTS F.	v. Bury
OLDHAM	v. Everton
PRESTON	v. Swans
Roading	v. BRADFORD C.
STHAMPTON	v. Port Vale.
STOKE C.	v. Bristol C.
TOTTENHAM	v. Plymouth
WOLVES	v. Charlton

Division III.—South.

BRENTFORD	v. Watford
BRIGHTON	v. Fulham
Bristol R.	v. Norwich
CRYSTAL P.	v. Notts Co.
EXETER	v. Coventry
GILLINGHAM	v. Walsall
LUTON	v. Thames
NEWPORT	v. Queen's P.R.
NTHAMPTON	v. Bournemouth
SOUTHBEND	v. Clapton O.
TORQUAY	v. Swindon

Division III.—North.

ACCRINGTON	v. Halifax
HARROW	v. Nelson
Onslow	v. Hull
CHESTFIELD	v. Wigan
CREWE	v. Stockport
ROCHDALE	v. New Brighton
ROTHERHAM	v. Hartlepools
SOUTHPORT	v. Darlington
TRANMERE	v. Doncaster
WREXHAM	v. Gateshead
YORK C.	v. Lincoln

Scottish League.

Clyde	v. RANGERS
CEDENBEATH	v. Airdrie
FALKIRK	v. East Fife
Hibernians	v. Hamilton
Morton	v. Aberdeen
PARTICK	v. Leith
QUEEN'S P.	v. Kilmarnock
St. Mirren	v. HEARTS

Scottish Cup.

Motherwell	v. CELTIC
	Neutral Ground.

Tickets for the next Wimbledon tournament, but it needs to be remembered that its patrons are largely women, and that it is as much a social occasion as a sport festival. If another meeting is arranged, and it attracts the majority of the leading players, Wimbledon will probably find itself deserted.

A point that the controllers will not recognise is that there are now very few people on earth who are willing to credit that there are more than a handful of pure amateur tennis players. The majority are unquestionably out-and-out professionals for the reason that they accept liberal expenses and such odds and ends as free board and lodging. Some have a set scale for their services, but, in spite of that, the professional amateur is still not allowed to play with a paid player, except when the latter is procured to give lessons. Kozeluh has frequently accepted a wage to tutor the British Davis Cup team, but when, last year, he asked for a special dispensation to play the winner of the Wimbledon men's singles, the whole of the proceeds to go to charity, he was informed that permission could not be granted. The whole position today is farcical and unwholesome, and there will be many who will feel relieved at the prospect that this is about to be cleared.

Wimbledon Supreme.

Wimbledon stands alone as a venue for important tennis, but I am told on authority that if those who rule it decline to lease it to professionals another site will be sought. The White City may soon be the greatest sports centre in Europe. The Amateur Athletic Association and other equally important bodies are regarding it with appreciative eyes, and there is no reason on earth why the world's tennis championship could not be decided there. The plain fact is that lawn tennis is at the cutting of the ways. Sensational announcements may be anticipated, but in these days the game of tennis is only good will result. From what I hear there will be fewer amateurs by the end of the season.

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CURIOS CRICKET INCIDENT.

Was the Batsman Out or Not?

The following incident took place in the Alor Star v. Sungai Patani cricket match at Sungai Patani recently, says the Straits Echo.

An Alor Star batsman skied a ball to square leg and the fielder brought off a running catch with both hands, but in doing so fell forward, and his knuckles touched the ground. The rest of the field exclaimed "well held" and the batsman started off to the Pavilion. When he had gone half way the umpire at the bowler's end said "not out" and the batsman started walking back. The Sungai Patani captain called for the ball, threw it to the wicket keeper, had the balls dislodged and appealed to the other umpire who gave the man "out." This was questioned by some of the Alor Star team who held that the ball was "dead." The batsman made no appeal at all, but walked off in the first instance.

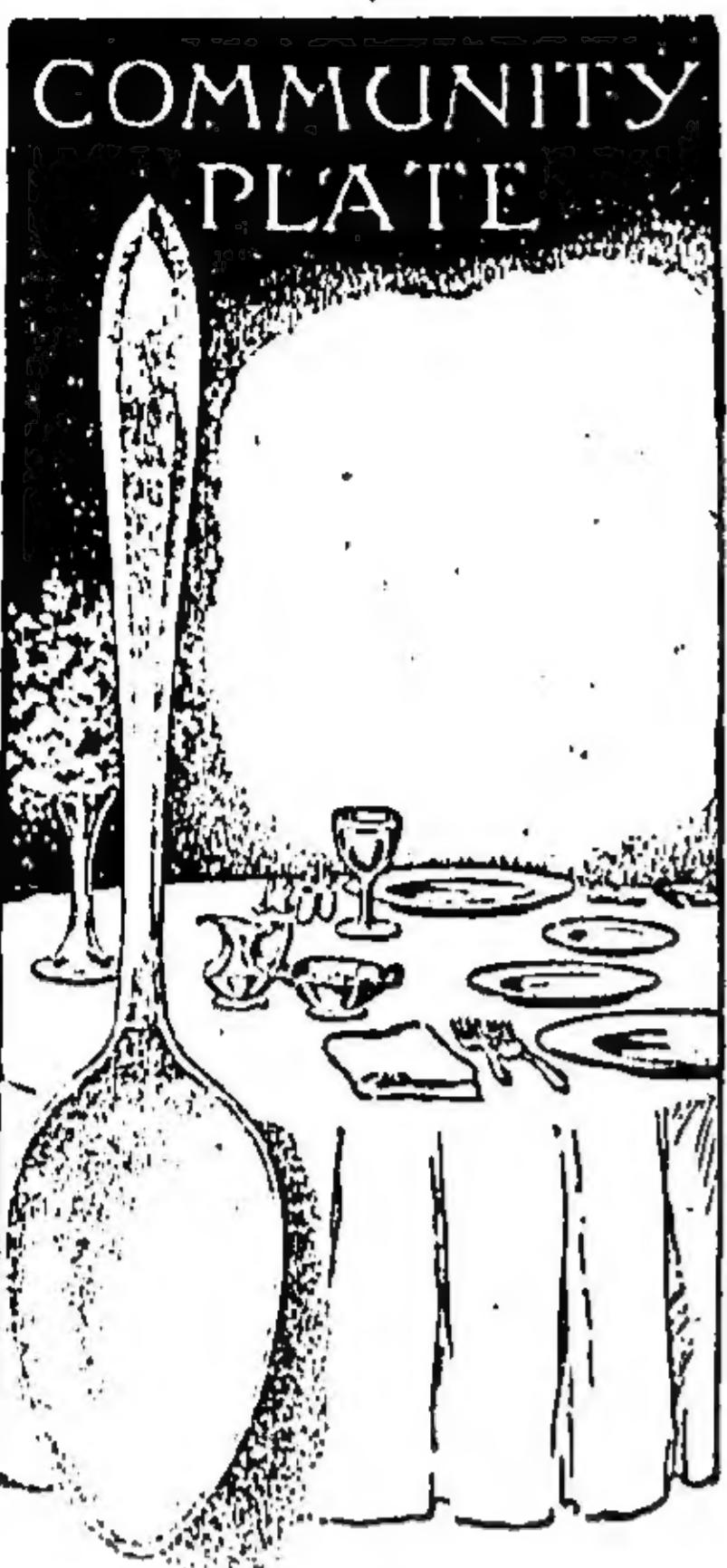
In the Sungai Patani 2nd Innings a similar catch was taken, the fielder's knuckles touching the ground, and the umpire said "not out" but the batsman said he was and walked back to the Pavilion.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

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Conclusion of Athletic Meeting.

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The distribution of prizes will take place at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow on the Murray Parade ground.

The full results of the meeting were as follow:

100 yards (individuals):—1, Pte. Rees; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte. Wakeford.

Inter-Company Relay Race:—1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

200 yards (individuals):—1, Pte. Rees; 2, Lt. Barlow; 3, Pte. Wakeford.

One Mile Team Championship:—1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

The first four races were run on Wednesday.

440 yards (individuals):—1, Pte. James; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte. Johnson.

High Jump (individuals):—1, Lt. Creswell; 2, Pte. Channing; 3, Pte. Vallis.

High Jump (team):—1, "B" Co.; 2, Headquarters Wing Co.; 3, "C" Co.

880 yards team relay race:—1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Long Jump (individuals):—1, Pte. Vallis; 2, Pte. Richardson; 3, Drummer Mathias.

Long Jump (team):—1, Headquarters Wing Co.; 2, "C" Co.; 3, D.M.G. Co.

100 yards relay team race:—1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Putting the shot (individuals):—1, Drummer Jones; 2, Lt. Hamilton; 3, Pte. Rees.

Putting the shot (team):—1, Headquarters Wing Co.; 2, D.M.G. Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Hurdles team race:—1, "A" Co.; 2, "C" Co.; 3, Headquarters Wing Co.

Sergeants' Race:—1, Sergeant Hyde; 2, Sergeant Harris.

220 yards team race:—1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Pole Jump:—1, Cpl. Ford; 2, Pte. Johnson; 3, Pte. Pole.

880 yards (individuals):—1, Pte. James; 2, Lance Cpl. Palmer; 3, Pte. Johnson.

Tug-of-war:—Headquarters Wing Co.

I have long held the opinion that the steel-shafted club does not impart the same amount of spin to the ball as the hickory, and golfers all know that spin keeps the ball in the air. —C. B. Macfarlane.

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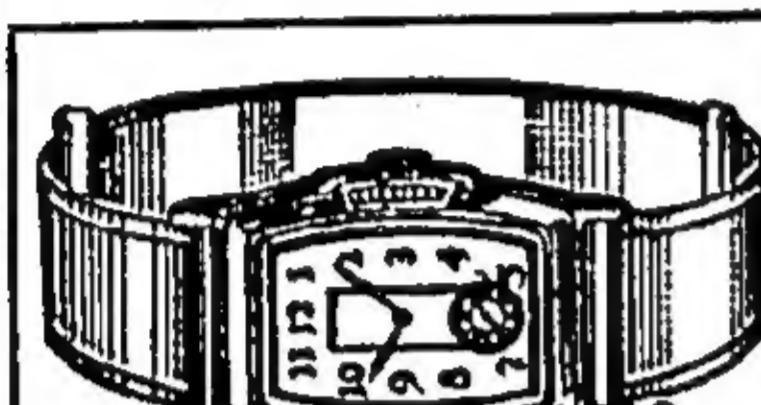
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Band—
The Bulwarks March.
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Pianoforte Solo—
Ever-Green—Selection,
Little Tommy Tucker—Selection,
Billy Mayerl (DB830).

Humorous Song—
Suppose!—Josephine Baker (DB401).

Song—
Thinkin' of Mary,
Hubert Elsdell, Tenor
(DB367).

Humorous Duet—
Pass! Shoot! Goal!
If You Can't Sing, Whistle,
The Two Gilberts (MR285).

Pianoforte Solo—
Blue Roses—
Stand Up and Sing,
Billy Mayerl (DB406).

Vocal Duet—
Old Fashioned Girl,
Never Swat a Fly,
Layton & Johnstone (DB377).

Song—
Cries of Old London,
Emmeline Joyce, Soprano
(DB400).

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Tims, etc.

7.45-8.15 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—
Faust (Gounod)—Prelude,

Faust (Gounod)—Valse,

Milan Symphony Orchestra
(DB778).

Song—
Friderika (Lehar)—Why Did You
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Frederica (Lehar)—I Love Him So

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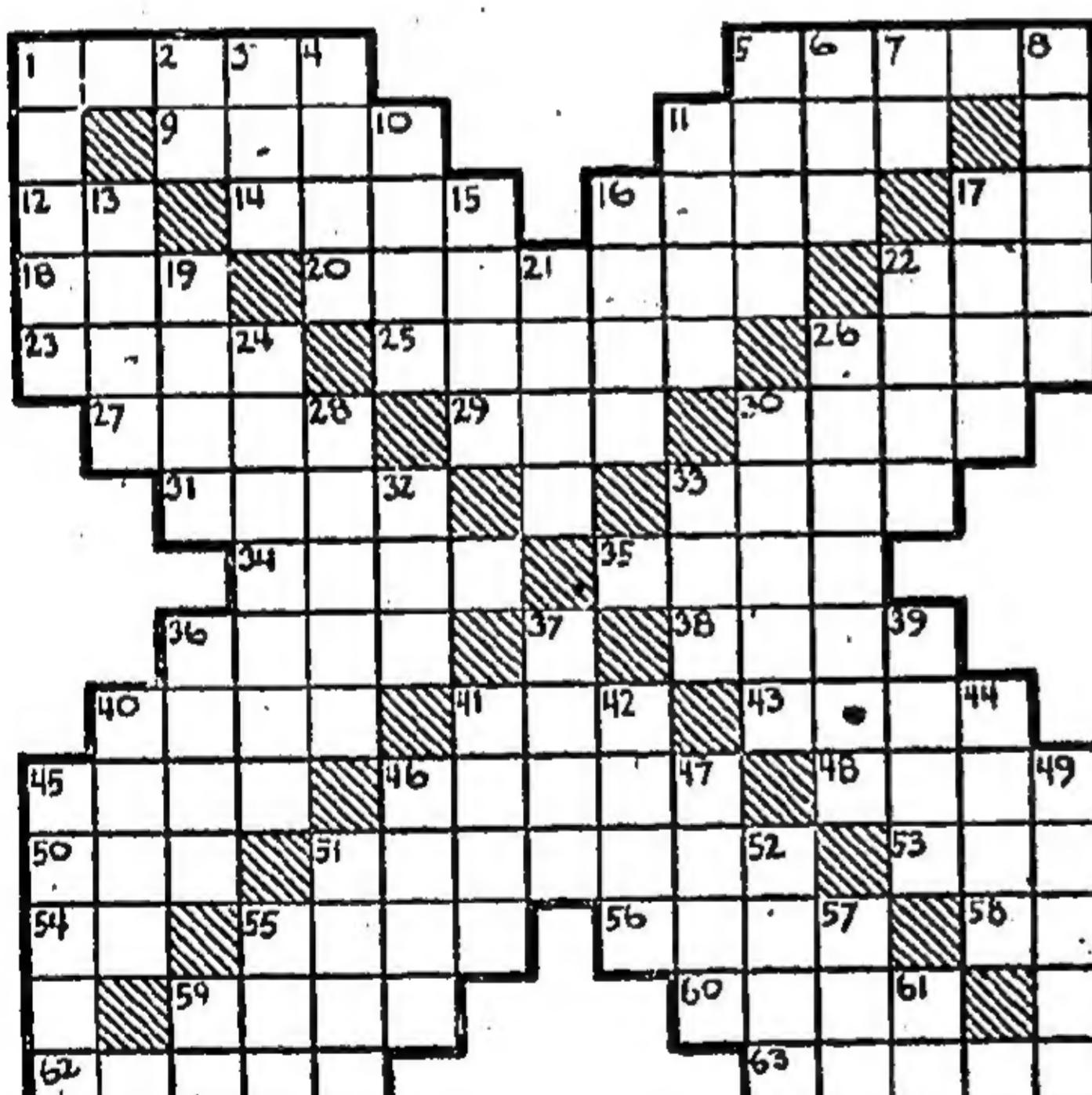
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-During the time
that
5-Instrument for
measuring gases
9-To ram down, as
ballast
11-Hub of a wheel
12-Exist
14-To encircle
15-Moribund, tender
17-Greek letter M
18-In an inferior
position
20-Rough in sound
22-Very warm
23-Level
25-To desire some-
thing anxiously
26-To mislay
27-East longitude
(abbr.)
29-To root
30-Nuisance
31-Paper form of
Diana
33-Owl's cry
34-Same as Zion
35-To twist out of
shape
36-Sheep-skin
38-A college official
40-Sticks fast
41-Household pet
43-To fall
45-To settle

VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Largest marine
mammal
2-Pronoun
3-To lather
4-Mohammedan
prince
5-Conflicts
6-Adam's wife
7-Tellurium (abbr.)
8-A road or way
10-To implore
11-A substantia-
tive
13-To stir
15-Debts or obligations
16-Kind
17-Greatest amount

19-To unite, as heated
metals
21-A son of Adam
22-An army
24-Very defensive
25-A spotted
caravans
28-Power of the fingers
30-Quidnunc with close
application as in
studying
32-To incline the head
33-Possessed
35-passionate
37-Portal
39-BUILDER OF THE ARK
40-A fiber used for
bags
41-Frigid
42-Blender
44-An animal seized by
another for food
45-Giving a dull-red
light
46-Unadorned
47-Grown old
48-Lock of hair
51-To revolve
52-A musical stringed
instrument
55-Forward part of a
ship

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ALDELED	LEGERLY
BOARD	ROILED
ROCK	ROSE
OAR	SEEMS
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HAPPY	MET
SPAR	SNIPPER
DREAM	OSAGE
ANDES	EDEMA

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

THE TECHNIQUE OF
"JAZZ."

Stravinsky Succumbs
to Its Lure.

JOHN IRELAND TOO!

Has the day arrived when the tonal and rhythmical technique loosely classified as "jazz" may reasonably stake its claim to a definite status in the realm of serious music? pertinently enquires Norman Cameron in the London Daily Telegraph.

Prompted by the rumour that Stravinsky, in addition to rescoring his "Mavra" Overture for Jack Hylton's Band, is composing a new work specifically for the British jazz expert's use, this suggestion is less iconoclastic than musical purists would have us believe. Admittedly, jazz effects, handled with consummate technical skill, have long featured in Stravinsky's music, notably in such works as the stimulating Concerto for piano and wind orchestra. Yet obvious and inevitable though the Russian composer's admiration for Hylton's undoubtedly, though essentially limited, genius may seem, an echo of Stravinsky's enthusiasm has lately been heard in other distinguished European musicians' appreciative comments upon performances given by the famous dance band in the sacrosanct precincts of the Berlin Philharmonic and the Paris Opera during its recent Continental tour.

Walton and John Ireland.

That the jazz element in serious music is acceptable to even the more high-minded among concertgoers has been demonstrated by the popular success of William Walton's "Facade" and "Portsmouth Point," and by the universal acclamation accorded to Constant Lambert's "Rio Grande." Following these expositions of the young idea came John Ireland's secession from the ranks of academic orthodoxy last Autumn. Declaring that the wonderful range of tone colour obtained by the best modern dance bands could no longer be ignored by serious musicians, he called in the assistance and advice of the leader and personnel of the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra regarding various jazz effects he wished to introduce into his new Piano Concerto.

Whether Ireland's superimposition of a more or less alien element upon his own strongly individual style has proved an unqualified success or merely, as Mr. Ernest Newman has suggested, a corruption of music's good manners by association with an evil thing, concert-goers and wireless listeners have been given opportunity to judge for themselves. For good or ill, the fact remains that an active interest in jazz technique is manifested in a musical idiom inseparable from everyday modern life—the apotheosis of jazz, the representative music of to-day.

FILM STAR CHATTER.

John Gilbert is taking French lessons.

Dorothy Mackail will have two leading men, Conrad Nagel and Walter Byron in "The Reckless Hour."

Warner Baxter will play the leading role in "I Surrender," the screen version of Pierre Benoit's novel, "Axelle."

Glenn Tryon is to play his first starring part since "Broadway" in "College," a five-reel Christie comedy.

Ronald Colman's next picture will be "The Unholy Garden."

Douglas Fairbanks, jun., has bought himself a dressing-room on wheels, fitted with a kitchen, refrigerator, sleeping quarters and all home comforts.

Joan Crawford (Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, jun.) is being measured for a regulation Salvation Army uniform for her latest picture, "The Torch Song." John Mack Brown also wears a Salvation Army uniform in the film.

Mary Astor has been promoted to stardom by Radio Pictures. She will occupy the dressing-room recently vacated by Bebe Daniels.

In fact, the authorities at Frankfurt Conservatoire inaugurated a special class for the study and composition of jazz some time since. Yet there seems little likelihood of our British academicians being similarly inspired. Sir Hugh Allen, for instance, has denounced the repellent, sordid noises of the Mammon of unrighteous jazz" in an uncertain voice, and Sir Henry Coward detects in its vogue not only the

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SECRET OF SUCCESS.

A happy little story of Charlie Chaplin is told by the author of nearly 2,000 songs, Mr. George Stevens, who intends this Summer to try to bring back into favour the ditties with a 100 per cent.

British theme. The centre of his operations will be Southend.

Mr. Stevens, who lives in Honiton Road, Southend, has been writing songs since he was a "printing devil." He is now 56. "Since the American invasion British song-writers have had a rough passage, so now I am embarking along the perilous paths of con-

cert party promotion," he said. "The Southend crowds in Summer time are just the type to appreciate songs of the old music-hall style—songs that go with a swing."

Hard-Up Days.

George was a friend of most of the old-time stars, and he recalls Charlie Chaplin's father living in Kennington Road. "Charles Chaplin, sen., was like me, invariably 'broke,' and we frequently went about together. I remember one occasion when young Charlie offered his father a penny. The father had said, 'Well, George, we shall have to get money from somewhere.'

"Young Charlie even then was chock full of the 'human touch,' and that no doubt is one of the secrets of his tremendous success."

It was while watching Londoners on the beach at Southend that George Stevens was inspired to write the song made popular by Mark Sheridan, "You can do a lot of things at the seaside that you can't do in town." Gertie Gitana sang his "When the harvest moon is shining" and in a few weeks Randolph Sutton will be singing, "What's the matter, Able?"—another Stevens' song—to New York audiences.

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Heart	牛心	牛心	牛心
Hump, Hals	牛背	牛背	牛背
Foot	牛脚	牛脚	牛脚
Kidneys	牛肾	牛肾	牛肾
Tail	牛尾	牛尾	牛尾
Liver	牛肝	牛肝	牛肝
Tripe	牛肚	牛肚	牛肚
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Mutton Chop	羊排	羊排	羊排
Leg	羊腿	羊腿	羊腿
Shoulder	羊肩	羊肩	羊肩
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Pig's Chitterlings	猪肚	猪肚	猪肚
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Foot	猪脚	猪脚	猪脚
Head	猪头	猪头	猪头
Kidneys	猪肾	猪肾	猪肾
Liver	猪肝	猪肝	猪肝
Pork Chop	猪排	猪排	猪排
Leg	猪腿	猪腿	猪腿
Loin	猪脊	猪脊	猪脊
Fat or Lard	猪油	猪油	猪油
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊头	羊头	羊头
Heart	羊心	羊心	羊心
Kidneys	羊肾	羊肾	羊肾
Liver	羊肝	羊肝	羊肝
Sucking Pig, to order	羊羔	羊羔	羊羔
Beef	牛排	牛排	牛排
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Crabs	蟹	蟹	蟹
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	墨魚	墨魚
Dab	鰓	鰓	鰓
Dace	鯉	鯉	鯉
Dog Fish	鯊	鯊	鯊
Eels, Conger	鰻	鰻	鰻
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The Engineer Company (Capt. M. Johnson, M.M.), Battery (Second-Lieut. De Ville), Corps Signals (Lieut. J. H. Bottomley), Machine Gun Troop (Lieut. A. H. Potts), Armoured Car Company (Lieut. H. G. Williams), Scottish Company (Capt. H. R. Forayth), Machine Gun Company (Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell), Portuguese Company (Capt. R. R. Davies), and Medical section (Dr. E. P. Minett).

Other officers were, the Commandant, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin and the Adjutant, Capt. W. H. G. Goater. Accompanying the General were Col. S. R. V. Saville, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. R. B. Cousins, D.S.O., and Mr. Baskerville Glegg (A.D.C.).

The Corps Band was in attendance supplemented by drums and pipes from the Scottish Co.

Latest Orders.

Orders by Lieut.-Commander L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:-

Parades.

Corps Band—The Corps Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall on Tuesday and Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, for Band practice.

The Corps Band will parade at Headquarters on Friday, April 17 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Engineer Company—Monday, Miniature Range 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Company—All Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to Corps Stores before April 16. Platoon Sergeants will be held responsible for their respective Platoons carrying out this order.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:-

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III.—Machine Gun Troop.

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I.—Car Section.

II.—Motor Cycle Section.

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In the afternoon the Regimental Band of the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. F. Gross, D.S.O., and Officers, will give a band concert on the Hong Kong Cricket Ground, weather permitting. The Drum and Fife Band will co-operate and will beat "Retreat". The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed the ground at the disposal of the Society for the concert.

The usual entertainment for Service men is being organised by the Vice-President, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. This will take place in the Lee Theatre, through the courtesy of Lee Hyatt Estates, Ltd., and will commence at 8.30 p.m. Members of the Society are cordially invited to attend the concert in their capacity as hosts, and tickets are being sent out to all members.

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Cabinet meeting, which is expected to settle whether it shall resign, will be held this morning, after which Baron Shidehara will proceed to the hospital to inform Mr. Hamaguchi of the decision. It is generally expected that the Cabinet will decide on resignation.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The Airman Scott, nearing the last lap of his flight, arrived at Bima yesterday on his way to Darwin to-day.—Reuter.

Rome, Yesterday. Prince Bibesco landed here to-day.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

In an editorial welcoming the report of the forthcoming visit of Dr. Bruening and Dr. Curtis to London and the British Naval visit to Germany, the Asahi expresses delight at the increasing signs of British and German friendship which, it believes, will greatly assist the cause of peace in Europe.—Reuter.

INSANITY PLEA FAILS.

Sentence Confirmed in Curtis Murder Case.

Lahore, March 18.

An important ruling on the insanity of an accused person was given to-day by Sir Shadial, Chief Justice, at the Lahore High Court, in the course of judgment in the Mrs. Curtis murder case.

After going through the facts of

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Having left the Colony: No. 1251 Pte. D. L. Keith (Reserve Company), as from 31.3.31.

Permitted to resign: No. 1404 Edm. P. N. Fuertes (Corps Band), as from 19.2.31.

Leave.

No. 454 Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett (Reserve Company), granted 16 days' leave from 27.3.31 to 11.4.31.

No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk Hin (Medical Section), granted 8 days' leave from April 10 to 17.

W. H. G. Coates, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

SOVIET PIECEGOODS IN PENANG.

ANTI-DUMPING LAW.

ASKED FOR.

END OF IMPORTATION?

Russian piecegoods, exclusively prints, it is understood, are being imported into Singapore and Penang, by a well-known European firm of merchants (writers) a Free Press representative as the result of enquiries in the local market.

A director of the firm said the position was more or less as in Java but he expected they had seen the end of the importation as they had found that even Russian piecegoods could not compete with the Japanese product. His company started the importation of Russian piecegoods (prints alone) about six months ago.

It was pointed out that Europe had been unable to compete with Japan since 1929.

The goods were not marked, it was true, but then neither were similar European goods but of course the origin of the goods had to be declared upon being imported into the Colony.

The company concerned have also a branch in Bangkok and a director of the company is related to a director of the Dutch company importing Russian piecegoods into Java.

ORIGIN DISGUISED.

It will be remembered, a member of the Government of the Dutch East Indies, alleged that Russian piecegoods were being imported into that territory via Hamburg by one of the oldest firms in Batavia and via China by Chinese firms.

The origin of the goods had, it was at first stated, been cleverly disguised as Germany or China. He asked for a thorough investigation to find out whether there were possibly any other Soviet products being imported.

Soviet goods, he alleged, were produced by a form of slavery. They were offered at dumping prices which tended to disorganise the economic structure of the Dutch East Indies.

If the investigations confirmed the allegations Government were asked to follow the example of, among other countries, the United States and Canada, and take the necessary anti-dumping measures.

If this were impossible in view of Holland's policy that Soviet goods could be freely imported, would Government give the widest publicity to the names of the importers, asked the questioner?

Subsequently it was declared that the importation was proceeding openly with the knowledge of Government. Furthermore their prices were not lower than similar Japanese and European products, while all goods are marked with the country of origin.

the case and the evidence his Lordship remarked: "It is to be observed that no plea of insanity was raised at the trial until the concluding stage when it was suggested by counsel that his client was of unsound mind.

"In these circumstances it is futile to contend that it was the duty of a Sessions Judge to try the preliminary issue regarding the sanity of the accused and his incapacity to defend the case, especially when there was no indication that he was suffering from unsoundness of mind.

"Nor do I see any force in the argument that the accused was insane at the time of the commission of the crime. It must be remembered that it is not every person mentally diseased who is exempted from criminal responsibility."

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